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On 27 July 1951 Chinese Communist Party (CCP) authorities instructed the office of the Politburo and the CCP Committee for Yunnan to follow strictly certain policies which had been designed to counteract the American policy of using Burma and Thailand as bases for aiding the Nationalist forces in Yunnan. This order is summarized as follows:

To prevent disturbances from being staged within our borders by the Americans and Nationalists, the Office of the Central Politburo in the Southwest and the CCP Committee for Yunnan must insure that the following ten points of policy are strictly and precisely followed.

- a. A great effort must be made to rally the people to oppose disturbances and destructive practices staged by the Americans and the Nationalists. The people must be encouraged to offer positive assistance by wiping out banditry and maintaining social order.
- b. Anyone who has been deceived by the Americans and the Nationalists into offering armed resistance will be forgiven if he will drop his connections with them, stop his armed resistance, and accept the leadership of Chairman MAO.
- c. Native chieftains who were deceived by the Americans and the Nationalists into offering armed resistance will be forgiven if they show penitence and will be offered rewards for the suppression of bandits; those who persist in remaining enemies will be wiped out within an established period of time.
- d. Racial self-government should be initiated as soon as possible in any area occupied exclusively by any one of the border races. In areas where several races live together, racial democratic coalition government should be established.
- e. The Government will not alter the existing political institutions nor the positions and authority of native chieftains in regions occupied by the border races.
- f. Social reforms similar to those existing in areas occupied by the Chinese are applicable to areas occupied by the brotherly border races and will be

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based on the will of the people. These reforms will be conducted by the people and their leaders.

- g. Religious freedom shall be practiced, beliefs and traditions of the various races shall be respected, and assistance shall be offered to those races in their efforts to bring about the "three self-reform" (sic) movement in their Catholic and Protestant churches.
- h. Efforts shall be made to develop gradually their own languages, schools, and education for the various races. Great efforts shall be made to train cadres of these races.
- i. The Government shall assist the various races to develop gradually their economic reconstruction projects (e. g. farming, animal husbandry, production, water conservancy, trade and transportation) and to improve the living conditions of the various races.
- j. Army units, Public Security Forces, and service cadres which enter into regions occupied by the various minority races must observe very closely the above-mentioned points of policy. They must practice strict group discipline and must not interfere with the interests of these races.

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